

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
May 29, 2015

**Dates to Remember:**

June 11, 2014 – Commission Workshop  
June 15, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- The Hendry Glades Mental Health facility located at 601 West Alverdez Avenue has lost their funding and will be closing. Two (2) of the counselors previously employed by Hendry Glades Mental Health have relocated. One is Sweetest Town Counseling who has moved to Sunshine Medical at 115 South Gloria Street and Cardentey Counseling Service has opened an office at 330 West Sugarland Hwy., Suite #3.
- This week, we have the 5<sup>th</sup> common term used by FEMA to aid understanding flood insurance and flood map changes in our city. Staff is working on obtaining the best rating we can for the citizens of our city:
  - **Community Rating System (CRS):** A voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.  
As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:
    1. Reduce flood damage to insurable property
    2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and
    3. Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual English as a Second Language class graduation was held on 5/21/2015. The eleven students who received certificates were encouraged by Commissioners Gardner and Rodriguez. See this Thursday's Clewiston News for additional information.
- Summer School registration is now maxed out. Space is limited to only 30 children, but we have nearly 50 signed up right now. Unfortunately, this means we had to stop registration. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided free of cost.
- **Free e-books coming to HendryCounty.** In another 4-6 weeks, we should have access to our very own collection of e-books, thanks to the South West Florida Library Network (SWFLN) which is putting up the \$10,000.00 needed to get the product for the Hendry County Library System. Training for staff started yesterday.

## Did You Know?



### Library Facts

1. **Eratosthenes of Cyrene** c. 276 BC was a Greek mathematician, geographer, poet, astronomer, and music theorist. He was a man of learning, becoming the chief librarian at the Library of Alexandria. He invented the discipline of geography, including the terminology used today. He is best known for being the first person to calculate the circumference of the Earth.
2. After the Library of Congress' burning in the War of 1812, it was replenished by the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's private library.
3. **Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan** was a mathematician and librarian from India. His most notable contributions to the field were his five laws of library science. The laws are:
  1. Books are for use.
  2. Every reader his [or her] book.
  3. Every book its reader.
  4. Save the time of the reader.
  5. The library is a growing organism.

### Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- CID located a number of stolen vehicles during the course of an ongoing investigation.
- Two more vehicles were driven into canals during the week. One on Avenida Del Rio and another on Sonora. There were no injuries in either of the latest two accidents.
- Most arrests this week were for suspended DL or shoplifting.
- Code Enforcement is down in numbers significantly this week. Their assistance was critical in a major, ongoing criminal investigation with CID. This is no indication of a lessened resolve to Code Enforcement, but rather a necessary blip that will happen from time to time.
- The relationship our Animal Control Officers have fostered with Doctor Martin out of Jupiter has continued to work well. We are grateful for their generosity and assistance. I should offer thanks to **Cathy Ire**y as well. She is vastly unrecognized. Kathy continues to put in several hours of volunteer work daily at the facility as she has for several years.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

<b>1299</b>	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
<b>614</b>	Complaints Investigated
<b>23</b>	Arrests Made
<b>15</b>	Traffic Citations Issued
<b>35</b>	Red Light Camera Violations
<b>22</b>	City Ordinance / Code Violations
<b>60</b>	Merchant Escorts
<b>15</b>	Alarm Responses
<b>5</b>	Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: There will be a ground treatment this week to make graduation weekend more pleasant.
- Street Maintenance: Staff has been working on then Civic Park entrance.
- Landscaping: Irrigation systems continue to be the flavor of the week as we are still having problems with timers and control valves. Mike and the water crew have been working on irrigation lines for new landscaping at the Golf Course.

**Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- Clewiston Recreation's Summer Camp Fun-A-Rama (8-11 year olds) for the 1<sup>st</sup> session is FULL. We do have limited spots available in Camp Crayon (5-7 year olds) and Extended Camp from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration for Camp Crayon and Extended Camp has been extended till June 1<sup>st</sup>. Full payments for all camps in the 1<sup>st</sup> session are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We are currently open for registration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> sessions. Registration must be completed by June 19<sup>th</sup> and final/full payment must be made by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for registration information and how to take advantage of the 50% discount for Summer Camp! Please call the Youth Center at 983-1492 if you have any questions.
- The C.S. Mott Pool and the James Mason Pool opened Memorial Day Weekend and the pools were full ... best opening weekend yet! Both pools will be open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. until school is out for the summer in June.
- Clewiston Recreation staff will be having another LiveScan fingerprint and photo background check with Glades Initiative, Inc. on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30 p.m. This check will be for Counselors and CIT's of this year's summer camps to ensure compliance with new Level 2 background screenings through the DCF Clearinghouse and portals.
- Softball Boot Camp and Showcase at Sugarland Sports Complex went extremely well last weekend. 75 young ladies and their families from all over Southwest Florida spent Friday thru Sunday in "America's Sweetest Town" and really enjoyed themselves and our facilities. Negotiations have begun and dates sought to host additional College Softball Showcases and ELITE Invitational tournaments throughout the summer at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed volleyball league in the early summer or youth flag football and AAU Track and Field during the late summer, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Busy week for Clewiston Recreation:
  - 200 chairs to New Harvest Church for CHS Baccalaureate on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.
  - "New" Lifeguard CPR Training at Youth Center
  - South Florida Water Mgmt. meeting at the John Boy Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - LiveScan and photo background checks for Counselor's and CIT's at the Youth Center beginning at 2:30 p.m. Thursday

- Clewiston Baseball/Softball Closing Ceremony for “Kid Pitch” at the John Boy Auditorium on Thursday night beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Babysitting Classes, Infant CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training for CIT’s are Saturday at the Youth Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Wedding Reception at the John Boy Auditorium and a Baby Shower at the Youth Center on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Electric crew replaced a downed electric line on Carolina Avenue and replaced a pole on East Alverde. Two pedestrian crossing lights were changed out on US 27 and red lights changed. DOT installed new traffic light timing devices last week. Tree trimming and straightening poles continued throughout our service area.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired five (5) water breaks this week and performed line maintenance and replaced risers on Fairgrounds and Harlem Gardens lift stations. They also bored and tapped a water line for sprinklers at the Golf Course and assisted South Shore Water with the replacement of a water valve at Ritta Village.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- DON’T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT AVAILABLE! Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders. You can register your account by visiting our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>.